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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my feelings on the settlement that was reached on 2001 November 2, between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe that this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see this dispute resolved.

This settlement allows Microsoft to devote its resources to designing and marketing its innovative software, rather than litigation. At the same time, Microsoft has pledged to engage in activities that will benefit competing companies, such as: sharing more information and giving consumers more choices. An oversight committee will be assigned by the federal government to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement, and competitors have the option to sue Microsoft if they feel Microsoft is not complying with the settlement.

After three long years of litigation, I believe it is time to allow Microsoft to devote its resources to creating advances in technology, rather than litigation. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Roland Peterson